

scraps are covered in Schedule 3 of these Rules, which are applicable for regulating the import and export of hazardous waste. Such wastes are only permitted for direct use and not for recycling or final disposal.

Impact of tax structure on the industries

*2. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been done to assess the impact of tax structure during the recent past on the- industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that majority industries disfavour the current taxation system for its complicated nature; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to redress the grievances of industries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c)and(d) Industry and trade associations interact with the Government from time to time. They highlight the structural, procedural and other anomalies in the tax laws. The Government reviews the tax laws and and their attendant pocedures on a continuous basis and carries out amendments, wherever necessary. The Government's decisions are reflected in the Finance Bill every year.

Increase in the number of malls

†*3. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of malls which were only 30 in 2003 in megapolises in the country are reported to be 220 by 2007;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (b) if not, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the annual growth rate of retail market in the country is estimated to be 30 per cent;
- (d) if not, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the average estimated annual share of retail market sector in the Gross Domestic Products of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) No such data has been compiled at the level of Central Government. As indicated in the study report of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) on the size of the Organised Retail Market, the Compound Average Growth Rate from 2001 -02 to 2007 is projected as 18% and the estimated share of the retail market sector in India is around 10% of GDP

Fragging in the Army

*4. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently there have been a number of incidents of fragging in the Army, inasmuch as eight seniors, including a Major, are reported to have been shot dead by troops under their command in J&K since September, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details of these incidents and the reasons underlying such killings; and
- (c) the steps taken to review the needs and demands of the force, especially the personnel deployed in the counter-insurgency operations in J&K and other sensitive regions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) There have been six incidents of fratricide since September, 2006 in Jammu & Kashmir. Two officers and nine Jawans have been killed in these incidents.

Court of Inquiry (COI) to ascertain the causes of such incidents have been ordered. Of these, in two cases, COIs have been completed and